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March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Re: Support for HB 5024, POP 500

Co-Chairs Woods and Gomberg, Members of the Subcommittee

For the record, I am Lacey Beaty and I am the Mayor of Beaverton and the current Chair of the Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium. I'm here today on behalf of the MMC, representing the mayors of twenty-four cities in the Portland Metro Area that collectively home over 1.7 million Oregonians. We urge your support of the proposed \$100M in funding for the housing infrastructure provided under POP 500 of HB 5024. I also want to thank Governor Kotek for including this amount in her recommended budget.

Transportation, drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater systems, all critical elements of our housing supply, require tremendous amounts of costly infrastructure. Unfortunately, the structural revenue constraints of Measure 5 and Measure 50 on property tax receipts have left Metro-area cities unable to afford the pipes and asphalt needed to ensure that more of our friends and neighbors have a place to call home.

In an effort to get more of our citizens housed, many of our cities willingly defer or waive system development charge (SDC) payments which otherwise cover the actual cost of infrastructure. Doing so threatens delivery of services in our local budgets. State funding for these infrastructure costs will help ensure that local governments are not caught in the vice of choosing between infrastructure and services for our expanded housing supply.

We also want to thank Governor Kotek and her staff for engaging with us on HB 3031, the bill that sets the criteria for distribution of these proposed funds. Specifically, we appreciate the Governor's office for incorporating MMC feedback around making system level projects eligible and prioritizing instead of mandating minimum project densities.

These funds represent a partnership between the state and cities as we work together to pursue our housing production goals. The MMC supports HB 5024 and POP 500 and urges your aye vote. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chair Lacey Beaty, on behalf of the Metropolitan Mayor's Consortium